munications be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 343 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) When the talks with the agitating technicians of Telecommunication Department were held last; and

(b) What are the demands made at the meeting and what decisions were taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADDUR SINGH) : The Starred Question No. 343 answered on 22-8-88 did not relate to the demands of Telecom. Technicians. Presumably, the Hon'ble Member has in mind an Unstarred Question No. 653 answered on 1-8-1988.

(a) Talks were held with the agitating employees as late as 30th August, 88 and 31st August, 1988.

(b) The Union representatives made a demand for withdrawal of the administrative instructions dated 25-7-88 issued by the Department for meeting the situation arising out of agitation and for maintenance of telecom. services. This demand could not be accepted for obvious reasons so long as agitation is current and since the Department has the responsibility of providing telecom. services to the public.

Committee to Assess the Overcharged Amounts

4618. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1392 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1988 and state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that contrary to the judgement of the Supreme Court, the amount due from the companies upto the 31st December, 1983 has been worked out;

(b) What is the significance of this date and what are the details of the quantity and the amount due on each unit and the total amount due on each bulk drug/formulation;

(c) By when the cases of all the 12 companies from which the amount due upto 31st December, 1983 would be finalised;

(d) Whether it is a fact that the first committee has been wound up and a second three-member committee has been appointed to do the job of assessing the amount due; and

(e) If so, what are the names of the members alongwith their designations and what are the terms of reference of this committee?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) The special team has assessed the amounts after verifying the records of the companies concerned keeping in view the principles upheld by the Supreme Court regarding fixing the prices of scheduled drugs.

(b) Since the prices of drugs involved have not been revised since 1980, a decision was taken to give a hearing to the companies concerned on their price revision applications for prices after 31st December, 1983.

The details of the quantity and the amount due in respect of each drug are quite voluminous. The time and efforts required for collection of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) The special team is assessing the amount due from other companies.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS—

I. Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1988 to unstarred Question 687, regarding price control on Glipizide, etc.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : Sir, I lay on the table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1988, to Unstarred Question No. 687, regarding price control on Glipizide, etc. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6556/88]

II. Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 to Unstarred Question 550, regarding cement industry.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : Sir, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987, to Unstarred Question 550, regarding cement industry. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6557/88]

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Bharat Process and Mechanical Engineers Limited, Calcutta and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Weighbird (India) Ltd. Calcutta and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Bharat Brakes and Valves Limited, Calcutta and related papers.

IV. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Burn Standards Company Limited, Calcutta and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bharat Process and Mechanical Engineers Limited, Calcutta for the year 1986-87,